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1. ON BASIS OF MISSION ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT BELIEVES
THAT US SHOULD NOT OBJECT TO CONFERENCE ON TRILATERAL
COOPERATION AT THIS ADVANCED STAGE IN SCHEDULING.

2. US HAS SUPPORTED PAST EFFORTS TO PROMOTE ARAB COOPERA-
TION IN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND,AS MISSION NOTES, REIM-
BURSABLE ASSISTANCE ARRANGEMENTS ALREADY IN PROGRESS. WE
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ARE AGAIN DISTURBED THAT HENRI WENT AHEAD WITH PROJECT

WITHOUT CONSULTING DELEGATIONS EVEN THOUGH ITS SENSITIVITY
PATENTLY CLEAR. MISSION'S REPRESENTATIONS TO SECGEN AND
CENTER ARE APPROPRIATE AND YOU MIGHT ADD TO LATTER THAT WE
HOPE IT WILL KEEP DELEGATIONS MORE CLOSELY ADVISED AS
PROJECT DEVELOPS FURTHER.

3. PROVISIONAL LIST OF PARTICIPANTS (RE? B) STRIKES US
AS HIGHLY UNEVEN, WITH LARGE NUMBER OF ARAB PARTICIPANTS
(16) AND FEW FROM DC, LDCS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.
STATUS OF INTENDED PARTICIPANTS VARIES GREATLY, EVEN AMONG
ARABS. MISSION SHOULD SEEK TO CLARIFY WHETHER THIS IS
PARTIAL LIST AND WHETHER ADDITIONAL DC AND LDC REPRESENTATIVES
WILL BE INVITED.

4. QUESTION OF US REPRESENTATION REMAINS OPEN. WE TEND
TO THINK IT BEST TO KEEP OUR PRESENCE TECHNICAL AND LOW-
KEYED, BUT WE WILL AWAIT FURTHER DETAILS OF PARTICIPANTS
LIST. WE WOULD ESPECIALLY LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER SENIOR
ARAB BANKING OFFICIALS SUCH AS JAROUDI OR AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT
BANK PRESIDENT FORDWAR LIKELY TO ATTEND. KISSINGER

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